

1 HOUSE BILL 260

2 **55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO STATE PARKS; PROVIDING FREE STATE PARK PASSES TO
12 VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF GOLD STAR FAMILIES.
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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

15 SECTION 1. A new Section 16-2-7.2 NMSA 1978 is enacted to
16 read:

17 "16-2-7.2. [NEW MATERIAL] FREE STATE PARK PASSES TO
18 VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF GOLD STAR FAMILIES.--

19 A. The state parks division of the energy, minerals
20 and natural resources department shall provide one day-use pass
21 for unlimited entry into state parks or recreation areas
22 operated by the division to veterans and members of gold star
23 families residing in the state and other occupants of their
24 noncommercial vehicle.

25 B. As used in this section:

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1 (1) "child" includes a biological, adopted or
2 foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward or a child of a person
3 standing in loco parentis;

4 (2) "member of gold star families" means a
5 surviving parent, spouse, child or sibling of a service member
6 killed in an armed conflict with an enemy of the United States;

7 (3) "parent" includes a biological, adoptive
8 or foster parent, a stepparent or an individual who stands in
9 loco parentis to a child;

10 (4) "sibling" includes a stepsibling and a
11 half-sibling; and

12 (5) "veteran" means a New Mexico resident who:

13 (a) was regularly enlisted, drafted,
14 inducted or commissioned in the: 1) armed forces of the United
15 States and was accepted for and assigned to active duty in the
16 armed forces of the United States; 2) army reserve, navy
17 reserve, marine corps reserve, air force reserve, coast guard
18 reserve, army national guard or air national guard and was
19 accepted for and assigned to duty for a minimum of six
20 continuous years; or 3) United States public health service
21 commissioned corps or the national oceanic and atmospheric
22 administration commissioned officer corps and served in the
23 capacity of a commissioned officer while on active duty in
24 defense of the United States; and

25 (b) was not separated from such service

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